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'Army Strong' for 232 years

B-day celebrated at home, abroad

Pat Young Frontline Staff

The United States Army turned 232 years old, June 14. The event was commemorated with ceremonies at home and abroad by Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart - Hunter Army

Hundreds of Soldiers and community members gathered at Club Stewart in recognition of the event.

During the ceremony, Maj. General Rick Lynch, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general, addressed those in

attendance via video.

He wished the Army a happy birthday, thanked Soldiers for their efforts, and asked for a moment of reflection regarding the Army's contributions.

"Dog Face Soldiers all around the world are protecting our freedoms and our way of life," Lynch said. "We have Dog Face Soldiers on freedom's frontier, making sure that the freedoms we enjoyed growing up, our children and their children will

Lynch asked those in attendance to pause and reflect on the 232 years of service the Army provided to the nation.

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Marne Torch blazes, 3rd Inf Div brings smoke

Special to the Frontline

FOB Kalsu, Iraq - Fixed-wing aircraft dropped four precision-guided bombs on targeted sites preventing insurgents from entering southern Baghdad, June 16. This was the beginning of a major offensive operation dubbed Marne

The aircraft supported approximately 1,200 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers who are focused on the security belts surrounding Baghdad.

2nd Brigade Soldiers have the mission of defeating insurgent activity, denying the enemy sanctuary and preventing terrorist elements from moving accelerants from the Arab Jabour area into Baghdad.

The brigade's efforts in Arab Jabour are

part of the larger operation recently announced by Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Gen. David Petraeus, Multi-National-Force commander.

"Our Soldiers are well trained, and I am extremely proud of the work they have accomplished over the past several weeks in preparation for this operation," said Col. James Adams, 2nd BCT deputy commanding officer.

Marne Torch is named for the historical British-American invasion of French North Africa in World War II that took place in 1942. Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division fought alongside its British comrades, and at a modest cost, gave the allies substantial beachheads in North Africa.

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The oldest Soldier, Sqt. Maj. Ray Curtis, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment operations sergeant major, and the youngest Soldier, Pfc. Jessica Hernandez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, cut the Army Birthday cake following the ceremony honoring the 232nd Army Birthday in Iraq. See story on 3A

2nd BCT continues deployment to Iraq

Sgt. Jason Stadel 2nd BCT Public Affairs

As more Soldiers arrive at Fort Stewart, more are trained, readied and deployed. The bulk of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division deployed in early May; but for the next several months, 2nd BCT units will be receiving individual Soldiers to augment their strength. The new Soldiers will inprocess at their unit's home detachment, complete individual readiness training and then join their unit which is already in a combat zone. Approximatley 20 new or late deploying "Spartan" Soldiers said their goodbyes as they left to join the fight, June 14.

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26th BSB FRG makes hurricane prep plans

Sgt. Jason Stadel 2nd BCT Public Affairs

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The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season officially started June 1; and forecasters have predicted a very active and intense season. To prepare, the 26th Brigade Support Battalion held a Family readiness group meeting at the headquarters building of 3rd

Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, June 13. The main topic of the FRG meeting was to encourage Families to have a plan to evacuate their homes in case of a natural disaster, and to share personal stories about their past experiences of hurricane evacuation.

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The goal was to use each others experiences

to help each Family formulate a plan of evac-



Capt. Se Young Um, a C Company, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team doctor, checks a child's throat for swelling June 12 at the free health clinic held by the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion and the 203rd BSB in Al Kansa, Iraq. See story on Page 10A.



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Marne 6 Sends

3rd Inf Div helps Operation Marne Torch shine bright

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch

3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

You would be very proud of our 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers if you could see them in action now. They are performing in a magnificent manner just as Dog Face Soldiers have done for nine decades.

Recently one of our Soldiers sustained a wound to his shoulder. As the battle continued, the toughest fight suddenly was to convince our young man to leave his brothersin-arms to get medical assistance. This is the kind of spirit that fills our new greatest generation, and it is inspiring to us all.

At this hour our Soldiers are engaged in an operation called Marne Torch. It is designed to clear one of the safe havens that extremists have established on the outskirts of Baghdad in the Tigris River Valley.

Marne Torch includes our 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers and other units from across our own nation working arm in arm with the Iraqi army. In the end, we will have cleared an area once dominated by insurgents, hold it from their control, and return security to a large segment of the Iraqi people who want for peace and freedom.

It is tough work. The temperatures are in excess of 110 degrees every

day and the work is around the clock. There are house-to-house clearance operations and direct contact with insurgents. There is



the ever present risk of **Improvised Explosive Devices** and a vicious enemy.

Our training is paying off, and the enemy has paid a price already.

We have detained dozens of suspected insurgents and we have killed others. We have seized caches of weapons and ammunition that posed a threat to the Iraqi people as well as us.

We have disrupted the enemy's ability to operate on the roads and rivers that lead to and from

Baghdad. This is helping to reduce violent action by the enemy in and around that city.

This, like all operations of its nature, will

take time. You can expect that with all of the "Surge" forces now in place, you will see and hear about intensive operations over the next 90 days. There will be victories and very sadly we will experience grief.

We have had casualties and we mourn for our fallen heroes. Collectively we pay tribute to those we have lost and we think of their Families, praying that they will find peace. The days ahead will be tough. For our part

here, we will make safety and security the centerpiece of this operation. Success will mean that we can not be risk averse. But we are equal to this task.

We are grateful for your expressions of support, and we ask for your prayers as we continue to conduct Operation Marne Torch.

ROCK OF THE MARNE!

A moment in Marne history

The story behind the 3rd Inf Div patch

Sasha McBrayer

Fort Stewart Museum

The concept of the United States Army shoulder insignia originated in the American Civil War. During that period, a series of color coded Corps Badges were developed.

Similar Corps Badges were used again during the Spanish-American War in 1898. However, the concept of the modern divisional insignia clearly began with the 81st Division, which in October of 1918 began wearing an olive drab circle with the representation of a wildcat within.

The design was based on the unit's time training at Camp Jackson, South Carolina on the banks of Wildcat Creek. General Pershing initially objected to the 81st's violation of uniform standards. He later changed his mind, deciding that unit insignia would promote morale.

Pershing then ordered all units in the American Expeditionary Forces to design and wear a distinctive shoulder patch on the left sleeve.

While the Third Division was involved in the Argonne-Meuse campaign in October of 1918, their headquarters received an Army directive authorizing divisions to wear the new types of insignia. Brigadier General Preston Brown, who had just assumed command of the division, conceived the design at that time.

The Division G-2 first officially interpreted his design with the following symbolism: The clear blue field of blue stands for loyalty, steadfastness, and undying devotion to the principles of right and justice by the American Soldier.

The three clear-cut white stripes stand dually for the three operations the division took part in (Marne, St. Mihiel, Argonne-Meuse) and also its numerical designation as the Third Division.

"...For the part we have played... For the hardships we knew, That's why we wear three bars of white Upon a field of blue..."





A Snapshot from Fort Stewart's Museum Archives

n November 25, 1944, during World War II, in Saales, France, Pvt. Harry Tressel of 163rd Signal Photo Company investigates some abandoned German mobile pillboxes. These were inverted and dug into the ground so that only the armored portion remained above the surface.

United States Army photographs are compliments of the Fort Stewart Museum, 2022 Frank Cochran Drive, Building T-904, Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314

Rapid access to care for Warriors in Transition

Jerry Harben

U.S. Army Medical Command Public Affairs Office

Army hospitals will provide routine tests and treatment more rapidly for Warriors in Transition and Soldiers within 90 days of deploying or within 180 days of return from deployment, according to a U.S. Army Medical Command policy memorandum issued May 30.

The new policy shortens the access to care standards for routine primary care from seven days to three working days, and for specialty care from 28 days to seven working days (three working days in some cases of initial specialty care).

It also establishes standards of seven days for diagnostic tests and 14 days for medically indicated non-emergency surgeries required to reach optimum medical benefit or fitness for duty status.

The access to care standard for urgent care remains 24

Warriors in Transition are defined as Soldiers who meet the qualifications for medical hold, medical holdover or active duty medical extension; and active component Soldiers who

require a medical evaluation board or have complex medical needs requiring more than six months of treatment. The term does not normally apply to Soldiers in initial entry training,

advanced individual training or one station unit training. Warriors in Transition are to receive an initial evaluation

"We want to quickly return these Soldiers to duty, or transition them to civilian life."

> Maj. Bill Judd Senor health policy analyst, USA MEDCOM

screening within one working day after entering a Warrior Transition Unit, the organizations that provide command

and control support for such Soldiers at Army hospitals. This population has a need for expedited medical care. We want to quickly return these Soldiers to duty, or transition them to civilian life. We developed this policy to ensure Soldiers can rapidly access the care they need." said Maj. Bill Judd, senior health policy analyst in Medical Command's

directorate of health policy and services. Every Army hospital now will dedicate at least one physician to the medical evaluation board process, which determines if injured Soldiers meet standards to remain in the Army.

Warriors in Transition will be assigned primary care managers and nurse care managers, and at some facilities social workers, to help them complete their treatment and navigate the health-care system.

Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officers, who counsel Soldiers undergoing physical disability evaluation, will be certified through standardized training.

"We understand that to speed these Soldiers through the system and also meet access standards for other beneficiaries, we might have to refer more patients to network civilian

providers," Judd said. Soldiers' Families or retired servicemembers who cannot be seen at a military facility receive subsidized care through the TRICARE network of more then 220,000 civilian healthcare providers and 55,000 retail pharmacies.

The changes should be in effect by the end of July.

Rock of the Marne The Frontline 3A



Fifty 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers re-enlist in front of the Task Force Marne headquarters on the Army's 232nd birthday, June 14. Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L. Andrews, Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. command sergeant major, presided over the ceremony for the Soldiers who serve throughout Multi-national Division - Center.

Celebrating the Army's 232nd Birthday

Jeff Fornshell, the narrator for the Army Birthday celebration shared part of the Army's history with the hundreds in attendance. He

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said during the course of the Army's existence, it fought to secure the nation's freedom in many battles and military campaigns. Denoting those campaigns, 176 battle streamers were attached to the Army's Colors.

During a symbolic re-enactment of the original awarding of the battle streamers, the Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander and Command Sergeant Major, Col. Todd Buchs and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Durr, added the streamers to the Army's Colors.

Sixteen were from the revolutionary war, six from the War of 1812, 10 from the Mexican War, 25 from the Civil War, 15 from the Indian Wars, three from the war with Spain, three for the China Relief Expedition, 11 from the Philippine Insurrection, one from the Mexican Expedition, and 13 from World War I. In addition during World War II, one was from the American Theater, 21 from the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and 17 for action in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater. Ten were added for the Korean War, 17 for Vietnam, three for the Armed Forces Expeditions, three

for Southwest Asia and one for the Kosovo campaign.

After the streamers were added, Buchs addressed those in attendance and shared some of his feelings regarding occasion.

"From American revolution to the global war on terror

American Soldiers have always been willing to put their 'boots on the

and the way of life we enjoy today," Buchs said. "Soldiers know they are members of a team dedicated to something much greater than self. Soldiers answer the call of duty for their character of their service. They are re-enlisting in record numbers because their service is making a difference in the world."

Following Buchs' remarks, he and Durr helped cut the Army's birthday cake, provided by the Association of the United States Army, Coastal Empire Chapter.

Assisting the colonel and command sergeant major were 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Lt. Charlene Smalls, and Private Refugio Figueroa, as the most junior officer and Soldier present.

"I first came into the Army to explore the opportunities the Army could offer, but since I've been in, I've progressed from there," Smalls said. "We have a great group of Soldiers. Everyone brings something different. And it's that, which makes us great."

Figueroa, who signed up a year ago, joined for a similar reason. And said he has grown to respect his peers.

"My fellow Soldiers are good to work with," Figueroa said. "I respect their loyalty. They pick you up during hard

In Iraq, 50 Soldiers expressed their commitment to the Army, too, by participating in a mass re-enlistment in front of the Task Force Marne headquarters on June 14.

Lynch and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L. Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Samantha Stryker, Task in a symbolic ceremony adding battle streamers to the Army colors at ground and fight Andrews, Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. command sergeant Force Marne contributed information for the for the freedoms major, presided over the ceremony for the article.



Carl Johnson, Pioneer Services Manager, and Luis Carreras, president of the AUSA, Coastal Empire Chapter, present a \$1,200 check to Stewart Garrison Commander Col. Todd Buchs and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Durr for junior enlisted Soldiers and non-commissioned officers' membership in AUSA.

Soldiers.

Raider Brigade commemorates the occasion in Iraq

Spc. Ricardo Branch

1st BCT Public Affairs

CAMP RAMADI, Iraq – After 232 years of service, one thing a Soldier from 1776 and one today have in common is the desire to serve and protect the United States.

Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander Col. Todd

Buchs and Garrison Command Sergeant Major Charles Durr participate

the Army Birthday Celebration at Club Stewart, June 14.

Soldiers at Camp Ramadi gathered at the dining facility to celebrate their connection with past Soldiers in a ceremony marking the 232nd Army Birthday, June 14.

"Since 1775, American Soldiers have answered the call of duty," said Col. John Charlton, 1st Brigade Combat Team commander. "Today we celebrate their legacies, which inspire the Soldiers who continue to sacrifice their personal comforts and safety to answer a higher calling - service to their country, service in the cause of freedom and service to one another."

Pat Young

Much like the wars of the past, Soldiers continue to defend their country in the cause

"This is a reminder for us younger Soldiers that previous generations have fought and died for what they believed was right at the time," said Spc. Khemera Sam, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team. "The Army birthday means another year has gone by where Soldiers have been proud to serve in this great orga-

Charlton praised the Soldiers serving in Ramadi whose efforts help spread the cause of freedom to the Iraqi people in Al-Anbar.

"Serving here in Ramadi, you keep striving to deliver the dreams of hope, peace, freedom and democracy to a people who have only known fear, tyranny and war," he said. "Your efforts here in the Al-Anbar province have allowed markets to open, children to play in the streets again and allowed people to walk though their neighborhoods without fear."

Charlton asked all the gathered troops to remember those who've paid the ultimate sacrifice.

'We come from a proud legacy of heroes who have sacrificed time away from their Families, and in some cases, their own lives to defend the freedom of others," he said. "That's something we need to think about every day. We're at war, and we're Soldiers and it's our duty to fight those wars. We're helping maintain peace around the world and freedom for the United States."



Marne DFAC serves cake, more

Pvt. Jerome Arp 4th BCT Public Affairs

The Marne Dining Facility celebrated the Army's 232nd birthday by serving a special lunch June 14.

"We put our heart into everything today. We love to cook and make a special effort to be friendly while serving Soldiers," said Rose Williams, a DFAC worker.

The DFAC served roast chicken, barbeque chicken, fish, pig's feet, ham hocks, hopping johns (cajan beans and rice), as well as hamburgers, hot dogs and barbeque wings.

"We tried to make a special meal for a special day," said Williams.

More than 300 Soldiers and civilians showed up during their lunch break to eat at the DFAC; on a normal weekday around 200 Soldiers show up to eat lunch.

"I was just happy to receive my food fast. The quality of the food was an added extra," said Pfc. Cody Outcalt, an infantryman with A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team.

The DFAC was also visited by members of the Masonic Home of Georgia. The children were visiting Fort Stewart on the Army's birthday from their summer camp in Macon,

The Marne Dining Facility contains a bell, for Soldiers to ring as they exit the building to let the workers at the DFAC know they've enjoyed the meal.

"Lots of people rang the bell today," said Cynthia Pickens, a DFAC worker.

"I love hearing the bell. It lets me know I've done a good job."

Pvt. Jerome Arp

Aaron Wood and Gail Aldridge consider their lunch choices at the Marne Dining Facility June 14. Aldridge accompanied Aaron and other children from the Masonic Home of Georgia, who were visiting Fort Stewart on the Army's birthday from their summer camp.

An interview with Rocky, the dog behind the image

Spc. William Hatton

Task Force Marne Public Affairs

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq - Some might call him a loyal dog, and others might call him the very rock of the Marne. For most Soldiers in the 3rd Infantry Division, Rocky is the motivating force that uplifts every Marne Soldier in country, or so they say. From beachfront to sand dune, Rocky has been there supporting the dog-faced Soldier through thick and thin.

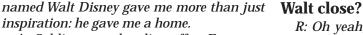
Now that the 3rd Inf. Div. has deployed to Iraq, I sat down and had a heart to heart with Rocky where we discussed his feelings of the current deployment and a little bit about his upbringing and his early days as a pup. What he shared was more than enjoyable ... it ... was ... life changing.

Without further adieu...

Hatton: So how did you find your way into being a mascot?

Rocky: Well it's funny you ask, my mom always said I was destined to do something important with my life. However, when I dropped out of college and started living in the basement, she didn't say that any

Then one day when I was trying to figure out my life, a man



As Soldiers were heading off to Europe to fight the good fight in the '40s, they needed someone to look up to, someone to provide hope, and Walt said that someone was going to be me.

So with a good marketing and design team, headed by Disney himself, that's how I came to be the 3rd Infantry Division's mas-

H: No kidding, so were you and



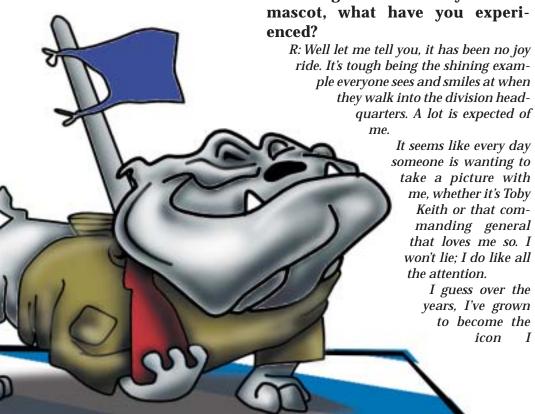
R: Oh yeah, we use to have block parties every week. He was originally going to produce the 'Rocky the Dog Show', but Mickey got the show instead. I'd say it turned out for the best. Think about it, how motivating or inspiring would a mouse be as a division mascot?

H: That is a good point. I don't think Mickey would have been as rough and tough as you. Since becoming the 3rd Infantry Division

ride. It's tough being the shining example everyone sees and smiles at when they walk into the division headquarters. A lot is expected of

> to become the icon

> > R: Well I think the 3rd Infantry Division song says it best, "Your dog face Soldier's A Okay!"



am. It doesn't come over night.

I remember in early fall of 1950 when the division was heading off for Korea, I was really scared. I didn't know what to expect, it would be my first real opportunity to leave the country and be away from my home. I knew that there were Soldiers that needed my support, so I sucked it up and drove on. I had to be the alpha dog you know.

Over the years I have just become more of a rough and tough character, but tell me someone out there has a more uplifting smile than mine. People like that kind of stuff, especially from a bulldog. I just try to play the role.

H: So now that you are here in Iraq, how do you think you and the division are going to hold up?

R: That's an easy question; we are going to totally rock the Marne. That's what the kids are saying isn't it?

I just figure with such a great division as the 3rd Infantry Division is, we are going to get the job done, move forward, and build a better tomorrow for the people of Iraq.

Ok, so that sounded kind of robot-like, but We have great Soldiers that do a great job.

I'm just glad I get to greet each one that comes to visit the headquarters. I like to pretend sometimes that they are really just coming to visit me.

H: Well I'd like to thank you for letting me interview you, I know you don't let many journalists close. Is there anything you would like to add?

Asian, Pacific Islanders celebrate heritage with residents

Staff Sgt. Samantha M. Stryker Task Force Marne Public Affairs

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — As the desert sun began its descent in the evening sky, the scene was set by the welcoming sights and sounds of the Pacific. Hafa Adai, the Chamorro greeting for hello, welcomed guests to the Asian Pacific Islanders Heritage celebration at the 3rd Infantry Division's headquarters on Camp Victory, June 7.

After brief remarks by guest speakers, Maj. Gen. Rick lynch, 3rd Inf. Div. commander and Brig. Gen. Jim Huggins, deputy commanding general for maneuver, 3rd Inf. Div., the crowd was treated to unique performances by traditional dance groups and

The Pasefi ka Aulelei, a dance group made up of performers, military and civilians stationed in Germany and some whom are deployed here in Iraq, performed traditional dances for members

Dancer and Laotian, Spc. Thanakone Sayavong said the two performances by his male trio, a warrior dance and a Tahitian dance, were chosen because the chants were fun and were good symbols of the islands.

"The dances are a celebration of the islands," he said. "Our goal is to highlight and spread the love and spirit of the Polynesian and Pacific islands."

The dancers said they get as much out of their permance as

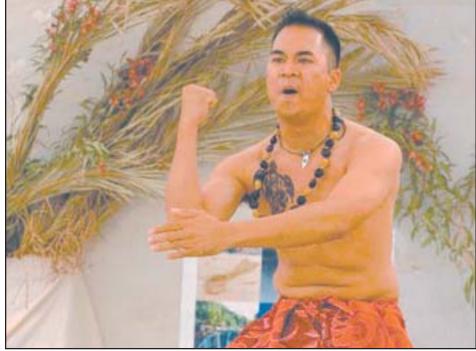
"These events are fun and give people a diversion from being here," said Alisha Rowland, a Polynesian dancer with the group. "It also helps us embrace our culture even more and share our roots."

One of the division's own, Peter Guerrero, performed two rap songs praising Chamorros of the past and present.

"I used the new way, rap, to spread the word about Guam," said Guerrero, "and get the younger generation involved and learn about their history."

As the grand finale, on-lookers were treated to a song and dance review by an all male Fijian group who performed in traditional dress. Their deep robust voices and bodies filled the stage as they sang of their proud heritage and history. Entranced, the audience could not applaud loud enough and was reciprocated with song and chants of the island's military

Immediately after the show, performers were thanked by Huggins with gifts and certificates. After the event, everyone enjoyed a near-traditional meal.



Staff Sqt. Samantha Stryker

Spc. Thanakone Sayavong entertains the crowd with a warrior dance and chant during the Asian Pacifi c Islanders Heritage celebration.

Marne Voices Speak Out

Even though Thanksgiving was celebrated six months ago, what are you thankful for?

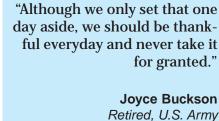
"I am thankful for my Family and especially for my Dad who is fighting in Iraq, and for him being safe."

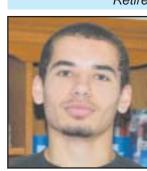
> **Darryl Tyler** Family Member



"I am thankful for the fine young Soldiers that are putting their lives on the line and fighting for the sake of freedom."

Lewis Levine Retired, U.S. Army





"I am thankful for my Family because right now they are the most important thing in my life."

David Tate Family member



leave for Iraq this week."

Master Sgt. Rufus Lewis Division EO Office "Life, health, strength, and my



good Family."

A. D. Montgomery Retired, U.S. Army

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Marne Torch air assault yields five detainees

Sgt. Natalie Rostek 3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, **Iraq** – Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, conducted a companysized operation in the city of Dura'iya detaining five individuals, June 17.

Operation Chosin supports the efforts of Marne Torch, an offensive operation against Al Qaeda strongholds around Baghdad, recently announced by Secretary of Defense Robert W. Gates and Gen. David Petraeus, Multi-National Force-Iraq com-

The purpose of the mission, according to 1/15 Inf. leaders, was to disrupt key insurgent networks from freedom of maneuver in the battalion's area of opera-

The mission began as elements from 1/15 Inf. air assaulted into the vicinity of targeted houses late Saturday night.

During the ground operation, several houses were searched for weapons and improvised explosive device - making materials resulting in the detention of five individuals and the seizure of one rifle.

1/15 Infantry conducts air assault, finds cache

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley 3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq -Weapons and improvised explosive device materials were seized during an air assault mission near Salman Pak, June 13.

Multiple 1st Battalion, wire, ammunition, maga-

15th Infantry Regiment zines and several assault platoons carried out the air and ground assault on two houses.

107mm rockets, homemade explosives, two AK-47 assault rifles, one boltrifle, propane tanks, copper

Explosive ordnance disposal personnel destroyed The raids yielded two the IED making materials

> The 1/15 Inf. is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry from

Helicopters kill insurgents during joint operations

Special to the Frontline MND-C Public Affairs

BAGHDAD - Coalition Forces attack helicopters, supporting Iraqi army soldiers who were engaged by insurgents, killed four insurgents and wounded three during joint operations with the Iraqi army south

of Baghdad, June 15.

The insurgents fired on the helicopters as they approached and continued firing as they ran into a nearby structure. One of the AH-64s fired on the structure, destroying it.

Three sniper rifles, multiple hand grenades and black masks were found by the Iraqi army outside the structure.

3/1 Cay arrests four after extended observation

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley 3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq - Four men were arrested east of Baghdad after their vehicle was tracked for an extended period, June 13.

Along with the detainees, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment Soldiers found one loaded AK-47 assault rifle and two loaded

The 3/1 Cavalry is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning.

handguns, as well as a black ski mask. A search of a nearby house led to the discovery of multiple power switches commonly used in the construction of roadside bombs, along with an AK-47 assault rifle, two RPK light machine guns, multiple magazines for the three weapons, and a set of body armor with ballistic plates.

Capt. Simon McKenzie, a staff officer in the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, sends a report during operations as Soldiers of Multi-National Division-Center conducted deliberate search operations southeast of Baghdad to eliminate terrorist sanctuaries, June 17.

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Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

The Army wants your suggestions

The world keeps moving. Ideas help us stay ahead. Send your ideas to *https://ARMYSUGGESTIONS.ARMY.MIL*. For more information, contact Joyce Bailey at *BaileyJM2@stew-art.army.mil* or 767-6300.

Go 'Hog-Wild' about books

Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield encourages community members to join in the fun with the annual summer reading program at the installation branch libraries. The program is open to all active duty, retired military and civil service employees. All ages are welcome. The program will consist of suggested reading lists, story time, and books and crafts centered on the theme. A grand finale will end the program. The program runs now through mid-August. For more information, call 767-2260 at Stewart or 315-2403 at Hunter.

Healthier Feds initiative targets employees

Healthier Feds provides information and education to federal employees and retirees about healthy living, greater individual responsibility for personal health, and best-treatment strategies. For more information visit www.healthierfeds. opm.gov.

Locating lost-and-found items

To report an item lost or check on the status of one, check with the military police. Visit 354 East Bultman Avenue, building 280 on Stewart and check with William Hooks, 767-9596. The Hunter point of contact is James Westfall, at 197 South Lightning Road, Building 1240, 315-5374.

Communities invited to Change of Command

The Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen of the Joint Communications Support Element will hold a change of command ceremony for Col. Thomas G. Hopkins as he relinquishes command to Col. John B. Morrison 10 a.m., July 12 at JCSE Element Field, 8532 Marina Bay Drive, building 861, Tampa, Fla., 33621. The inclement weather location is Hangar 3 on Hangar Loop Circle. RSVP no later than June 29 at mary.genna@jcse.mil or call 813-828-0784.

Youth swim lessons available

Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield invites youth to learn how to swim, 9-10 a.m. June 25, July 3, and July 6 at Bryan Village Pool on Fort Stewart and Hunter Fitness pools.

The cost is \$30 per person. Register at the CYS registration office. For more information call 767-2312 at Stewart or 315-5425 at Hunter.

Stewart

July 4 celebrations at Fort Stewart

The 4th of July Festivities at Stewart-Hunter will include a Walk to Iraq, recreation and water activities, 50-Gun Salute, youth activities, BMX/skateboard/motorcycle demos, main stage entertainment, food booths, and fireworks! The festival runs 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Newman Field, Corkan Recreational Areas and 6th St. Call 767-6212 for more information

All-Army 10-Miler Qualifier Race

Try out for the All-Army 10-Miler Team 6:30 a.m. June 23 at Donovan Field Track. Participants will compete to qualify for Oct. 7 All-Army Race in Washington, D.C. Open to active duty Soldiers only. The top 6 runners from each group will earn the right to represent the 3rd Infantry Division. For more information and advance registration, call 767-8238.

Expect minor delays due to construction

As a portion of the MCA project to construct barracks and

company operation facilities in the 4th BCT area, 6th Street will be widened to four lanes by adding two lanes from 15th Street to Crisp Avenue. Minor delays can be expected from now through July 15. The existing 6th Street will remain open through construction, with the exception of periodic lane closures for the installation of new turn lanes, median cuts, work at the Mill Creek bridge, installation of an added railroad crossing next to the existing crossing, and widening in front of the Auto Craft Shop, building 1503.

Send a Soldier a magazine

Stewart-Hunter is conducting a magazine drive for deployed Soldiers. Drop-off boxes are at several locations including the Army Community Services, Family Readiness Center, Main PX, Southern Oaks Community Center and the GMH Housing Office. Request that the magazines be appropriate in nature. All magazines will be screened. For more information, call ACS at 767-0505.

Installation BOSS to hold meeting

Brigade and Battalion Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold the installation BOSS meeting 1:30 p.m. Friday at Rocky's. For more information, call 7667-6847

Self-defense class for women

Learn to self defense 9 a.m. to noon, June 23 at Newman Fitness Center. Participants will learn psychological and physical training against assault. Open to all women from teenagers to seniors. For more information, call 767-9336.

Review the Army's OCS opportunities

The next Department of the Army Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted Sept. 17-21. The Fort Stewart local OCS board will be conducted on Aug. 14 in bldg 253, room 1050. The deadline for packet submission to the Mower Personnel Processing Center, bldg 208, is Aug. 7. For more information, call 767-8894.

Jordan Gym closes

On June 8 Jordan closed in order to make the transition to a youth gym. It will re-open on July 18 as Jordan Youth Gym operating from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday - Saturday. Jordan will be open to youth, 6th - 12th grade. Youth 5th grade and under must be accompanied by a parent. Programs offered will include basketball, gymnastics, tumbling, fitness and healthy choices programs.

GC Golf Scramble at Taylors Creek

Join the fun at the Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble at Taylors Creek June 29.

There will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. for the first 25 teams to sign up. The cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. For more information, call 767-2370.

Teen "Nite Owl" Skating

Corkan Family Recreation Area will host "Nite Owl" roller skating 9 p.m. to midnight, June 30. The event is open to teenagers ages 16 to 18. The cost is \$2. Skate rental is \$1. For more information, call 767-4273.

Aqua aerobics class offered

An aqua aerobics class is available 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Newman Fitness Center and the Hunter Gym. For more information, call 767-3034 or at Hunter 315-2819.

Indoor skating and laser tag at Corkan

MWR will soon provide year-round indoor skating and laser tag in Corkan Gym for youth. As a result, the youth programs housed in Corkan Gym will be displaced. In order

to accommodate these programs, Jordan Fitness Center will be transitioned into a Youth Gym.

Youth summer basketball league offered

Child Youth Services is now hosting a free summer basket-ball league for middle school and high school youth through July 31. For more information, call 767-4493.

Shop at Shop of the Marne

The Shop of the Marne is open for business 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month at Building 25 off McNeely Rd. behind the PX. Look for the OPEN flags outside.

Summer nutrition program offered

Diamond Elementary, Southern Oaks Community Center, Bryan Village Youth Center, and Corkan Recreation Center/Family Fun Park will offer free nutritional lunches to youth ages 18 and under from 11 a.m. to noon, now through July 13. For more information, call 408-3088.

Register to 'Walk to Iraq and Back'

The Walk to Iraq and Back continues as an on-going program where teams will submit walked miles monthly towards the goal of 13,000 miles. Registration is also ongoing and forms are now available at the Family Readiness Center. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400.

Come to Teen Night at Rocky's

Rocky's will be closed to Soldiers and open to teenage Family members with military IDs from 5 to 11 p.m. every Thursday night through July 26. Teens, ages 13-18, can have fun in a positive and fun environment. For more information, call 368-2212.

Experience the world of scouting

Boy Scout Troop 454 is looking for scouts ages $10\ 1/2$ - 18. For more information call Michelle Burkkard, scoutmaster, at 369-5589 or 230-2822.

Heroes at Home Play Group

Child and Youth Services has play groups for military Families 10-11 a.m. June 27. The activitity is for infants to preschool age. Parenting information and activities are provided. For more information, call 767-0016.

Have summer fun at the Sunday brunch luau

Club Stewart will host a Luau brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 1. The cost is \$11.95 per person. Children, ages 5-10 are half price and children 5 and under eat free. Bring in a church bulletin and receive \$1 off each meal cost. For more information, call 368-2212.

Kid's cooking class offered

Children can learn to make everyone's favorite summer treats 3 p.m., July 1, at Club Stewart. Sign-ups are limited to the first 50 spaces. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 368-2212.

Hunter -

Youth Fishing Derby at Hunter

Enjoy fishing, games, prizes and more 7-11 a.m., June 23, at Halstrom Lake.

The event is open to children ages 16 and under. Licenses and Permits are waived for youth.

Register at Pass and Permit. For more information, call 315-9564.

GMH MILITARY HOUSING

Stewart -

Enjoy water games

Enjoy water balloons, water guns, and much more, 2-3:30 p.m., June 28 at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

Join neighborhood huddles

Be an active part of your community by

attending your huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with GMH 10:30-11 a.m., June 28 at Isenhower Terrace.

Pen Pal Club Meeting

Join us from 2-3 p.m. June 26 for a special meeting of the Pen Pal Club at Southern

Oaks Community Club.

Hunter-

Enjoy water games

Enjoy water balloons, water guns, and much more 2-3:30 p.m., June 20 at the New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center. Don't forget to wear your swim suit.

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Mortgage fraud affects more than banks, lending institutions

Staff Judge Advocate Office

To the layman it may seem that such a crime as mortgage fraud would only involve and affect persons in the banking industry. Unfortunately, such crimes affect everyone from the lending institution to the average citizen. The State of Georgia has been found to have the highest occurrence of mortgage fraud. Therefore, the General Assembly of the State of Georgia has enacted the "Georgia Residential Mortgage Fraud Act" as of May 5,

So what is mortgage fraud? It's knowingly making a misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission by the lender, borrower, seller or any party in the lending process during the mortgage lending process to any party in the lending process. In simple terms, it's lying during the buying or selling of a home under a mortgage. In addition, the act criminalizes the receipt of any amount of money at a mortgage closing in connection with use of the misstatements or misrepresentations. The act also authorizes local district attorneys and the Georgia Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases of residential mortgage fraud. Besides criminal ramifications, the act permits parties harmed by the fraud to seize the property in civil court.

Purchasing or selling a home is one of the most important legal and financial decisions in a Soldier's life. Failure to identify the potential pitfalls in the "mortgage lending process" could subject Soldiers to significant financial duress by unscrupulous individuals or potential criminal liability.

Look out for the following red flags; if you are asked to lie or leave out information on a loan disclosure or application, offered lastminute "cash-back" incentives, your final closing price is substantially higher than the asking price, drastic increases in local sales or overpriced offers to buy, or mysteriously appearing mechanics' liens against the real property identified in the closing should serve as warnings that something is amiss.

Mortgage fraud is a significant concern because it directly increases prices in the residential home market. As a result, buyers are often priced "out of the market" and the market will eventually crash. Ultimately, residential neighborhood prices are artificially inflated, property taxes increase, and the associat-

ed economic costs are passed on to everyone in the local community.

Lastly, the homes sold to buyers using false identities are left unoccupied or become occupied by persons conducting criminal activity out the home, thus affecting the local

Some of the ways Soldiers can protect themselves and ensure that potential risks are minimized is by asking questions, researching the local market extensively, seeking legal counsel, and notifying authorities when red flags appear.

One should always remember when buying or selling a home that making a false statement or taking money could be a violation of the act, which brings up to 20 years of incarceration.



June 18 criminal court in Savannah for crimes and violations committed on Hunter Army Airfield resolved

Male, 35, was fined a total of \$3,000 for Fleeing from Law Enforcement, Hunting without Permission, Criminal Trespass, Lacy Act Violation (Possession of Game Taken Illegally) and ordered to pay Special Assessments totaling \$85.

Male, 64, was fined a total of \$3,000 for Fleeing from Law Enforcement, Hunting without Permission, Criminal Trespass, Lacy Act Violation (Possession of Game Taken Illegally) and ordered to pay Special Assessments totaling \$85.

Male, 27, was fined a total of \$150 and placed on twelve-months probation for the crimes of Criminal Trespass and ordered to pay a Special Assessment of

Female, 35, was fined \$250 for the crime of Driving with a Suspended License and ordered to pay Special Assessments totaling \$25.

Female, 34, was fined \$300 and ordered to pay Special Assessments totaling \$35, for the offenses of Driving with a Suspended License and Speeding.

Female, 19, was fined \$300 and ordered to pay Special Assessments totaling \$25 for the offense of Failing to Use Due Care while talking on a cellular phone and operat-

Legal Notices

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Scott A. Brazzale, Rear Detachment, 3/7 Cavalry, contact 1st Lt. Kyle Hemminger, Rear Commander, 3/7 Cavalry, Fort Stewart Ga. 31314, by phone at 767-7328.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Alexander Rosa, 293rd Military Police Company, 385th Military Police Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact 2nd Lt. Ruthann Morgan, 385th Military Police Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314 or by phone at 767-9068.

Stewart - Hunter Annual Water Quality Report

DPW presents local report

Special to the Frontline

The Directorate of Public Works is pleased to present Fort Stewart Hunter Airfield's annual Water Quality Report. report provides you with a detailed account of all the water monitoring and testing results gathered during 2006. As always, our constant goal is to provide our patrons with safe and dependable drinking Additional copies of this report will be available at Installation's **Environmental Offices:** Stewart Building 1137

Where do I get water?

and Hunter Building 615.

Fort Stewart's main water supply comes from five municipal groundwater wells that are approximately 500-feet deep, while HAAF residents are serviced by four 500-feet deep wells. Groundwater is stored in permeable rock layers called aguifers, which are like underground lakes. Our groundwater is supplied by the Upper Floridan Aquifer. Before the water is distributed, the water is chlorinated to kill disease-causing organisms and fluoridated to promote dental

Protecting Water Source

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the land or through the ground, water dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. Therefore, water can pick up substances as by-products from both the presence of animals and human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contami-

and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial and domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, or mining and farming activities.
- · Pesticides or herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and they can also come from stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be either naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same public health protection. Drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water

nants, such as viruses Hotline (800-426-4791).

Conserving Our Water

Every day throughout the world, nations are facing water problems in terms of both quantity and quality. Between 1950 and 1970, global water demand tripled and is expected to double Although 75 percent of the Earth is covered by water, only one percent is available as renewable fresh water, and only about one-third of all precipitation that falls on the land goes back to the oceans by rivers and runoff.

We are a nation whose water needs are rapidly rising while available supplies are shrinking; regional water crises are becoming increasingly frequent as water tables are falling and stream flow is decreasing. can no longer take our drinking water for grant-

This means that individuals, municipalities, industries, and governments must be proactive in conserving and protecting our water supplies. As Georgia continues to experience the after-effects of the previous year's conditions, we must realize that the consequences of such little rainfall are far-reaching, affecting wildlife, and vegetation. Additionally, the severity of its impact on society is often exacerbated by the demand that people place on the water supply. Water is the most precious commodity we have on this planet; we ought not treat it as if it were unlimited By shifting our priori-

ties for water usage, we can prevent water scarci-

The well has run dry in many places—let's not make our community

— Notice of availability -

Special to the Frontline

The United States Army proposes to lease a parcel of Fort Stewart land, approximately 22 acres, to the Liberty County Board of Education, Georgia, for the construction and operation of a middle school. This school would be constructed and operated with Liberty County Board of Education funds to accommodate the existing and anticipated future on-post population of children between 11 and 13 years of age (grades 7 and 8), as well as the growing population of neighboring middle-school age children (grades 6 through 8) of Liberty County.

The EA addresses the poten-

ronment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and all other components of the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a draft FONSI, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action. A copy of the EA and draft FONSI will be available for public review from June 22 to July 21 at the following public libraries. The notice is available at the

Fort Stewart Main Post Library, Building 411, 316 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Ga., 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, closed Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Also at the Liberty County Public Library, 236 Memorial tial impacts to the human envi- Drive, Hinesville, Ga., 9 a.m. to a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday - Saturday, and 2-6 p.m. Sunday. In addition at the Mall

9: p.m. Monday - Thursday, 9

Branch Library, 7 Mall Annex, Savannah, Ga., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

All public review comments must be received no later than July 21.

Request all comments be mailed to the following address:

Chief, Environmental **Division, Attention Thomas C Directorate of Public Works** Headquarters, Fort Stewart

Building 1137 Fort Stewart, GA 31314-4927

1550 Frank Cochran Drive,

DPW test the waters Stewart-Hunter

Stanley Thomas Directorate of Public Works

On a recent newscast, CBS reported that there were concerns with the water quality at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

As noted in the June 12 article CBS posted on their Web site following the newscast, Marine Corp and Navy Judge Advocate General officials are addressing the Camp Lejeune water quality issue which is related to two specific compounds - trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene. Fortunately, Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield has tested drinking water wells for the installation and they were not detected.

The Directorate of Public Works puts out an annual Water Quality Report which is distributed during the summer to public facilities throughout Stewart-Hunter and to the housing

The 2006 Water Quality Report is posted on the installation Internet and is published in the Frontline newspaper.

The sampling results with detections are listed in the report. The two compounds noted in the CBS article are part of a suite of compounds referred to as Volatile Organic Compounds. Stewart-Hunter were last sampled for VOCs December 19, 2006 and April 18 of this year. Neither showed a detection of PCE or TCE and therefore, they are not specifically listed on the report. We hope this helps to alleviate any concerns the news broadcast and article may have

Detected Contaminants

Parameter	MCL	MCLG	FortStewart			HAAF				
			Detected	Range of Detection	Sample Date ²	Detected	Range of Detection	Sample Date ²	Violation	Source of Contaminants
				Re	gulated C	ontaminar	nts			
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.10*	0.66-1.62	Jan-Dec 2006	1.12*	0.54-1.74	Jan-Dec 2006	ио	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which pro- motes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	4**	0 4 6	Sep 2005	94**	0-13	Sep 2006	ио	Corrosion on household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppb)	AL= 1300	0	140**	0-310	Sep 2005	140 **	0-240	Sep 2006	ио	Corrosion of household plumbing systems;Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
TTHMs [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	80	0	4.8*	28-6.7	Reb-Νου 2006	2.1	2.1	Sep 2006	ио	Corrosion of household
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	nd	n/d	Dec 06	0.75*	n/d-096	Mar-Dec 2006	ио	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Xylenes (ppb)	10	10	nd	n/d	Dec 06	3.4*	n/d-4.7	Mar-Dec 2006	ио	Discharge from petroleum refineries
					Unregu	lated Cont	taminants			
Chloroform (ppb)	n/a	nA	0.86	n/d-0.86	Dec 2006	1.15*	n/d-1.6	Mar-Dec 2006	и0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	n/a	nA	0.84	n/d-0.84	Dec 2006	1.12*	n/d-1.8	Mar-Dec 2006	и0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorodibromomethane	ná	nh	0.63	n#-063	Dec	003+	n/d-1.7	Mar-Dec	мо	By-product of drinking water

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Education Matters

Tuition assistance deadline announced

All course enrollments with start dates through Sept. 30 must be requested in GoArmyEd before Sept. 24. This is necessary due to year-end close-out and fiscal year "change-over". Attempts to enroll in courses after Sept. 24 will not be approved. This policy applies to all Soldiers applying in the GoArmyEd system for LOI schools, not EArmyU schools. This does not apply to schools where tuition is reimbursable. For more information or clarification, call the Sgt. 1st. Class Paul R. Smith Education Center at 767-8331.

Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Army Education Center to speak with a counselor. More than 130 Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division signed up for the HOPE grant between October 1, 2006 and March 30, with more than half using the grant. In addition, nearly 200 Family members have signed up and used the grant.

Spouses get more MGIB benefits

The Secretary of the Army has approved the transfer of up to 18 months of MGIB benefits to spouses as a pilot program. This program became effective July 21, 2006. The program is bound by law to the retention of critical skills. Eligible Soldiers must have enrolled in MGIB on Department of Defense Form 2366 upon entry to active duty. If you cannot locate your DD Form 2366, check your official Military Personnel File or go online to Army Knowledge Online for details. Your education counselor can assist you with information about your MGIB benefits. Please contact your unit retention career counselor for details.

\$4500 tuition available for Soldiers

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, during a one hour brief at the education center, room 223. The www.goarmyed.com Web site provides 24-hours, 7-days-aweek virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

College testing offered

Columbia College is now providing our college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immediate results. CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also be the test proctor for all college distance learning tests. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Please call 767-7558 or 877-3406 for more information.

College term dates announced

Central Texas College, Aug. 13 - Oct. 6, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter. Columbia College, now - July 25, Aug. 13 -Oct. 6, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter. Embry Riddle, Aug. 6 - Oct. 7, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter. Savannah Tech, July 9 - Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart. Webster University, Aug. 13 - Oct. 11.

Savannah Tech offers child care

Child care is available at the Airport Road Hinesville campus. Please contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Free college tutoring offered

Savannah Technical College is offering tutoring in math, English, computers, reading, etc. The service is available at the Hinesville Liberty campus. Math and tutoring in the other subjects is offered Monday - Friday and is available some evenings. Service at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center that includes math tutoring is offered at 3:10-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday of each week. You don't have to be enrolled in Savannah Tech to participate. Call 408-3024 for more information.

Take GED refresher classes

These courses will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis. The Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith Education Center hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. in rooms 225 - 228. Call 368-7322 or 368-7329 for more information.

Computerized certification exams available

Hundreds of different certification exams, including many information technology, emergency medical technician, paramedic, IBM exams, etc. are now being administered on computer in room 165, at the education center. Because the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center has become an official Pearson Virtual User Environment center, many Soldiers and Family members have access to a broader variety of tests. For more information, call the test administrator, at 767-9569, or, visit www.pearson VUE.com.

Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students. These scholarships are not just for students at the Central Campus, but many of these scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus. Filling out a single application will give students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships. The application process is simple. Visit www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net, and set up an account.

English as a Second Language courses

ESL classes are available. The beginning courses are offered 8 - 10 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Intermediate courses are offered 10 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays, and 8 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, building 100, room 227. Please call 368-7322 for more information.

Troops, Spouses to Teachers rep visits Stewart

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program and Georgia Spouses to Teachers Program will be available at 11 a.m., July 25. He will answer questions regarding the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program. It provides eligible servicemembers up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouses to Teachers Programs, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. Call 1-800-745-0709 or 767-8331 for more information.

Green-to-Gold comes to Hunter

A Green-to-Gold representative will visit the Hunter Education center, at 2 p.m. June 28. For more information, call

Seven Habits prove highly effective for teens



ChaNae Bradley

Jessica Harvey, a summer hire, attends a seminar at Fort Stewart entitled "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens", June 12.

ChaNae Bradley Frontline Staff

hires attended a mandatory healthy choices a habit. workshop called The Seven **Habits of Highly Effective Teens** as a part of their summer hire experience from June 12-15.

"I believe this is a great winwin event that will help our military kids with coping skills during yet another deployment," said the Fort Stewart Family Advocacy Program manager, Johnny Cusimano.

The Department of the Army funded the workshop for approximately 200 summer hires in an effort to provide leadership training.

Summer hires were broken up into groups and lectured on the topics of building self -The 2007 Fort Stewart and esteem, developing problem the Family. Hunter Army Airfield summer solving skills, and making

> The seven habits discussed taught hires to be proactive, set goals, put first things first, think highly, seek first to understand then to be understood, synergize and how to better care for themselves.

According to the Franklin Covey Foundation, each step is catered to fit the needs of a military Family.

For example, habit number two (Begin With the End in Mind) was designed to help participants set Family standards, and habit number seven (Sharpen the Saw) designed to help participants build traditions that nurture

free book called, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens" written by Sean Covey. The book is a national bestseller, selling over two-million copies.

During the sessions, students were asked to put together skits, write down their future goals, and watch videos that illustrated ways to effectively adapt the habits to one's life.

At the end of the workshop, the summer hires were asked to write down their personal goals and were asked to participate in a evaluation and individually rate the program.

Angela Dasher, an 18-yearold summer hire, and prospec-In addition to the workshop, tive college freshman attending the summer hires were given a the University of Georgia in the fall, said the seven habits highlighted in the workshop will help her when she is faced with tough decisions.

> "The seven habits will help me when I am faced with peer pressure, and I would recommend the workshop to my friends and students going to college," said Dasher.

> Kelly McKinnon, a 16-yearold home schooled student. said her mother uses the habits in their home. McKinnon said her favorite habit is "Sharpen the Saw."

Improved access control points help keep Stewart-Hunter safe

Special to the Frontline

If you happened to be stationed at Fort Stewart during the late 70s and the early part of the 80s, those who had transportation could traverse both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield without showing identification at an access control point. This was because there weren't any ACPs at that time. The only thing that drivers had to be concerned with was if they had all of the proper documentation if they happened to be stopped by the military police. As the U.S. Army progressed, a need arose to place ACPs at various locations on military installations throughout the world.

Prior to the Sept. 11 attacks, personnel that had no affiliation with either of the installations needed only to give their destination point once they arrived at a vehicle check point. With the circumstances of Sept. 11, commanders implemented the "daily pass" system to account for personnel with no military affiliation.

The pass system required personnel to present a valid driver's license, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance. These are the same requirements that are needed for Soldiers, Family members, DA civilians and contractors to get decals for their vehicles. So, in essence, every time an individual needed entry onto the installation and received a "day pass", they were registering their vehicle.

After careful research of the regulations that govern access control procedures and motor vehicle operations, it was determined that there was no need for day passes.

Now, personnel without any military affiliation that arrive at an ACP are required to present a valid driver's license (passengers 16 years of age or older must also present a picture identification card) which is checked and verified against the Stewart - Hunter Bar - Revocation Listing prior to gaining entry onto the installation. Drivers not carrying any identification will be denied access until they have proper identification. Children that are 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when riding as a passenger in a vehicle. Persons entering the installation by foot or bicycle must present a valid federal or state ID card, CAC card or driver's license.

Initially, some personnel were concerned that eliminating day passes would permit a lapse in security at Stewart - Hunter. That is certainly not the case. Since the new system was implemented on May 28, on average, there has been one person processed each day for criminal trespass after they were found to be on the Bar - Revocation List.



Special to the Frontline

Athur Weston is currently assigned as the installation access control officer for the Directorate of Emergency Services. He began his law enforcement career in the Military Police

Corps in 1979. During his military career he performed a total of three tours at Fort Stewart, tours three Germany, a tour at the Sierra Army Depot, a tour at Fort Campbell, KY, and a tour at Teagu, South Korea.

He returned to Fort Stewart in 1996 for his third tour here and retired in

Upon his retirement, he worked as a warehouse manager with Rhodes Furniture.

Arthur Weston

He left Rhodes Furniture and went to work for Gulfstream as a security guard and then became a sworn Georgia peace officer with the Savannah-Hilton

Head International Airport. In November 2002, Weston was hired as a Department of the Army police supervisor for the Mobile Vehicle and

Cargo Inspection System that is used to

scan or x-ray all commercial type vehicles entering Fort Stewart.

> Personnel of the **MVACIS** Team scanned almost 29,000 vehicles during 2003, over 45,000 vehicles during 2004, over 41,000 vehicles during 2005, over 56,000 vehicles during 2006 and almost 18,000 vehicles so far this year.

Arthur was selected to become the Installation Access Officer in 2005, mak-

ing him the manager/supervisor of the Vehicle Registration Office and MVACIS operations and overseeing all of the access control points at Fort Stewart -Hunter Army Airfield.

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Raider Soldier escorts wounded IP to Baghdad



Spc. Richardo Branch

Staff Sgt. James Foskett, HHC, 1st BCT, receives the Army Commendation Medal from Col. John Charlton, 1st BCT commander during a ceremony at the West Ramadi Iraqi Police Station, May 29 in Ramadi, Iraq.

Spc. Ricardo Branch
1st BCT Public Affairs

RAMADI, Iraq – A medical trip became an extended stay for one 1st Brigade Combat Team Soldier who escorted an injured Iraqi policeman to the Prosthetic Center in Baghdad.

Quaseen Jareed, a Ramadi policeman, was living and working without his lower left leg after a car bomb detonated in Ramadi.

"It was a bad injury and took off part of his left leg below the knee," said Staff Sgt. James Foskett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st BCT.

Looking at Jareed however, it was clear to Coalition Forces that a prosthetic leg for his missing limb would make his life easier. Upon hearing about the accident, military personnel asked for a volunteer to accompany Jareed in a military helicopter to Baghdad. When the request came down to Foskett, he volunteered immediately.

"When I first met Jareed he was fine and sitting in the front seat of an Iraqi police vehicle at the front gate," Foskett said. "At the time, the injury was already a couple of months old, and he was already mobile on crutches."

"He and I then flew in a chopper to Baghdad to get him to the Prosthetic Center at the International Zone in Baghdad on the night of April 6th," Foskett said. "When we arrived in Baghdad, we were met by military personnel who got us settled in rooms there."

Foskett knew the trip to Baghdad would be a couple of days, but didn't know it would be a two-week-stay before he returned to Ramadi.

"When I got there with him, the doctor told us it would take two weeks to get him (Jareed) fitted, through physical therapy and taken care of," he said.

Foskett took care of all of Jareed's needs at the prosthetic center.

"After both of us got settled in, I got him to his appointments, took him to chow and bought him a pair of sneakers for his prosthetic foot,"

he said.

Despite the language barrier, they were able to communicate through the basic words picked up through daily interaction.

"I'd ask him how he was doing when I visited him in the hospital room," Foskett said. "I was there with him when he was fitted with his prosthetic – you could tell he really appreciated it. Anyone would have appreciated having someone there to check on him and make sure he was okay."

From the time he met Jareed to the end when he flew back from Baghdad, Foskett performed above and beyond what was expected of him. Having been there and seen someone through all the trial of getting help, he's got just one answer for people who ask him why he went.

"I just did what I felt I needed to do," he said.

Foskett will again meet Jareed when he takes him back to Baghdad later this month for a follow up appointment with the doctors who treated him.

One small step means giant leap into NCO Corps

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky 2nd BCT Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – In full view of their company first sergeants and battalion command sergeant major, six sergeants crossed the line June 10.

It wasn't an act of disobedience, but part of the Army's tradition of welcoming newly promoted specialists into the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers.

The ceremony celebrates the passage from Soldier to NCO, emphasizes and builds upon the pride of the NCO corps, and serves and honors the memory of past NCOs who served with honor and distinction.

Like the NCO Corps, which has a long and proud history of being the leaders who instill discipline and order in a unit, the ceremony had its beginning with Frederick the Great's army.

In Frederick's army, before a Soldier could be recognized as a NCO, he had to pull watch once every four days until he had completed watch four times.

While pulling guard once every four days isn't a requirement to be a NCO today, today's NCOs still have much in common with their NCO predecessors. Like their predecessors, the group has dedicated themselves to accepting responsibility for their Soldiers, and to upholding the high standards, dignity and traditions of the NCO Corps.

"We do this to recognize the NCO history and the history of the Army," said Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Campbell, 2nd Brigade Troop Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, command sergeant major.

While remembering the NCO Corps history was the premise of the ceremony, there was also talk about the future. As the six

Soldiers stepped over a line on the floor representing the line between Soldier and NCO, Campbell stressed the importance of moving forward and being good leaders.

"You cannot hide from what you know you've got to do," he said. "That is the burden of leadership. You've got to make decisions."

Campbell reiterated the importance of not only making decisions, but also making the right decisions. Making the right decisions, even in small events, can lead to greatness, said Campbell.

An example of that was Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith, the first Medal of Honor awardee in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Though Smith was well-known by all in attendance, Campbell focused, instead, on the small acts of the NCOs who surrounded Smith.

There was the sergeant who cleaned the .50 caliber machine gun Smith used, allow-

ing it to function when several other .50 caliber guns were jamming due to dirt. There was also the NCO who stepped in to fill Smith's position after he fell in battle, and to continue leading his troops, said Campbell.

These small contributions added to Smith's heroic acts, said Campbell.

Through good leadership and commitment, the war is winnable, he added. By using these examples, Campbell hoped to motivate the sergeants.

But the greatest motivation came from the ceremony itself, according to a new NCO.

"I've seen one (NCO induction ceremony) before and listened to others' feelings on it," said Sgt. Ellic Bradford, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2/3 BTB. "I wanted that good feeling myself.

"This was the exclamation point of me becoming an NCO."

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Soldiers hold free health clinic in Iraq



A medic with the 97th CAB, known as Staff Sgt. Dhanni by the Iraqis receiving care, gives a little girl candy following her check up at the free health clinic in Al Kansa, Iraq, Sgt. Natalie Rostek 3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq - More than 100 Iraqis were seen during a two-day health clinic held by the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion and the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion June 10-11.

Citizens from the towns of Saba Nissan and Al Kansa, two towns in the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team's area of operation, were treated at a traveling clinic where U.S. medics provided medical care. The Soldiers treated almost every medical problem with the excep-

A separate operation incorporating a dentist is expected in the near future, according to Capt. Kirk Reed, commander of C Company, 203rd BSB.

"The medical operation we did, we call it 'tailgate medicine." It's like a sick call," Reed explained. "We can't do thorough assessments, but we will help out where we can. We also want to gain the confidence of the Iraqi people."

The main objective of the medical operation was for the 97th CAB to conduct an assessment of the villages, Reed stat-

"We find what the needs are, whether it is water, medical attention or electricity," said a A Company, 97th CAB medic known as Staff Sgt. Dhanni by the locals. "We try to address the

basic needs of the people in the area."

The medics saw a variety of maladies ranging from deformities to burns and rashes.

Having female Soldiers participate in the event made the women of the village more receptive to visiting to the clinic, said Staff Sgt. Kristine Sutton, a medic with C Company, 203rd BSB. Sutton was one of two female medics conducting the clin-

"They would bring their babies to us," she said. "The more we talked to the kids, the more the women would start talking, telling us issues they were having. They had to trust us with their children, and when they did, they were more open to be

The medics saw about 60 patients the first day in Saba Nissan and between 75 to 100 patients the second day in Al Kansa, Reed said. There were some citizens the medics could not help due to the severity of their illness.

Although Sutton has been to Iraq on a previous deployment, this was a new experience for her.

"It gave me a different view of Iraq," Sutton said. "I never got a chance to work with the Iraqi people before on such a personal level like this."

The Soldiers did a good thing, according to Reed.

"We were able to give the (civil affairs) guys the opportunity to do their jobs," said Reed, "and the Iraqi people we saw knew we were there to help out."

The Wall That Heals comes to Savannah

Nancy Gould Hunter Public Affairs

Veterans of America Chapter 671 stood silently around Emmett Park the morning of June 14 before the opening ceremony of the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial display. Others stood or kneeled at the shiny wall examining the goldetched names of the 58,000 who died in the Vietnam War.

"I've got quite a few friends on that wall," said Edward Williams, a Chapter 671 Veteran who helped assemble the wall and staff the opening ceremony.

The wall is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It was designed in 1996 and since then has traveled to 250 cities throughout the United States. The intent behind the traveling wall is to allow the thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of "facing The Wall" to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin. It also features a traveling museum and information center and chronicles the Vietnam War era and the unique healing power of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The information center serves as a venue for people to learn about friends and loved ones lost in the war.

Williams said The Wall brings back good feelings and patriotism that run deep.

"God blesses the peacemakers and that's what we try to do in this country," said Williams.

Visiting the wall helps bring peace and healing to many of the veterans who have visited it, according to the ceremony's key note speaker and life member of Chapter 67, retired Lt. Col. Doug Andrews.

"Many veterans have emotional wounds that need to be healed. You wouldn't be here today if you didn't want that," said Andrews. "You have to make it happen. Open the wound and let it drain. Let The Wall That Heals be salve for your wounds. Let the fond memories outweigh the dull ache of your broken

Ray Gastor, a Vietnam Veteran and local businessman originally led the initiative to bring the wall to Savannah.

"We hope this wall will bring closure for some veterans," said Gastor.

"The 671 Veterans Chapter made this event happen," Gastor said, adding that the City of Savannah also contributed \$5,000 to the Vietnam Memorial Fund for this event, along with about \$2,000 in cash or in-kind services from other local businesses.

"This war is part of history," said Gastor. "Many served and

made the ultimate sacrifice. They deserve to be recognized.



Eight-year-old Natalie Lozada searches for the name of a Family friend with her mother, Master Sgt. Marilyn Lozada HHC STB, 3rd Inf. Div., who wanted to teach her daughter about the Vietnam War, in which Lozada's father



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

All-Army 10-Miler Qualifier Race

45 June- 6:50am, Donovan Field Track Participants will compete to qualify for 7 Oct. All-Army Race in Washington, DC. Open to active duty Soldiers only. The top 6 runners: from each group will earn the right to represent the 3ID. Advance Registration: 767-8238

Youth Fishing Derby @ HAAF

23 June- 7 to 11am, Halstrom Lake Emjoy fishing, games, prizes & more! Open to ages 16 & under License & Permit's are waved for youth. Register at Pass & Permit, 315-9564.

GC Golf Scramble @ Taylors Creek Golf

29 June-Sam Shotgun \$25 for mambers \$30 for non-members. First 25 teams only. *761-237*0.

Summer Fun Luau Sunday Brunch

1 July- 10:30am to 1:30pm, Club Stewart Menu will feature omelet & carving stations, salari bar, Hawaiian Ham, roast pork, fresh fruit, erepes, assorted side dishes & dessert station. Cost is \$11.95 per penson, Children (ages 5-10) half price. and (under 5) sat FREE. Bring in a church bulletin and receive \$1 off each meal cost. 368-2212

Kid's Cooking Class/Summer Luau

1 July- 3pm, Club Stewart Kids will learn how to make everyone's favorite summer treats! Limited space available. Mgrs-up's are limited to the first 50. Cost is \$5.00 per person. 368-2212

Mandatory Overseas Briefin**e**s @ FS

3. 17 July- 9am & 10am. Army Community Service Soldiers Isam about the ACS programs to help in their relocation, receive packets of information on the country they are going to, watch: a short video about the country and/or duty station. Briefings take place on the let and livi Tuesdays of each month.

July 4th Celebrations @ FS

4 July- 8:30am to 9:30pm

 Newman Field, Corkan Rec Areas, & 6th Street Festivities will include Walk to Iraq, Recreation & Water activities, 50 Gun Sakits, Youth activities, BMX/Skatsboard/Motorcycle Demos. Main Stage entertainment, Food Booths, and Fireworks! 767-6212

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Preventive maintenance spells mission success

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky 2nd BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – The mechanics of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infntry Division, are helping to ensure vehicles and equipment are combat ready when Soldiers go on missions.

Readiness is monitored through weekly command maintenance, said Staff Sgt. Javier Castillo, non-commissioned officer in charge, B Company, 26th BSB.

Such checks help reduce the chance of having a deficiency that may stop the mission or endanger lives.

"If equipment doesn't work, the mission is over," Castillo said. "Get to know your equipment, and make sure it is combat ready."

The best way to get to know equipment is preventive maintenance checks and services, more commonly known as PMCS.

"A PMCS determines deficiencies. Without one you don't know what is broken or will break in the near future," Castillo said. "When you lack a PMCS, you have to ask yourself 'Is this combat ready?'"

Although mechanics perform PMCS with their command, weekly maintenance is often not enough because of the heat, dust and sand in Iraq.

"Some people rely more on the mechanics, and view us as a

Jiffy Lube to take care of all their problems," said Sgt. Sandra Muniz, a mechanic with B Co. "Thus, they get complacent."

In Iraq, complacency can be deadly. According to 26th BSB mechanics, it is important that units conduct their own daily

vehicle inspections in addition to the mechanics checks.

"You can save a lot of lives on missions though daily routines," Muniz said.

"Each unit needs to take ownership of their equipment. It can save their lives," Castillo added.

While individual Soldiers may not be armed with the knowledge the mechanics have, the mechanics said it shouldn't keep them from doing their own maintenance. To conduct a PMCS, the only thing a Soldier needs is the vehicle's technical manual

Each TM contains a troubleshooting outline that operators can use to fix low-level problems, Castillo said.

"The TMs are simple, by the numbers," said Sgt Robert Monigan, another B Co., auto section mechanic.

"Whenever you work on a vehicle, have the technical manual by your side," said Muniz. "It takes care of a lot of problems."

If one does not have a manual, an electronic copy can be

picked up at the motor pool. All a Soldier needs to do is bring a disk to copy it to, Monigan said.

Once an operation has all the tools needed to do a proper PMCS, the operator should perform a PMCS before leaving on

a mission, during mission downtime, and after completion of the mission, said Castillo. "If you need to get out of a hotspot you want your vehicle to be 100 percent," he said, adding that the best way to maintain

this percentage is to do a PMCS at these times.

Monigan knows from recent experience how important these checks are during missions.

Upon arrival at their destination, the crew did a control check and found a water hose leaking. By replacing the hose before their departure, they prevented the vehicle from break-

ing down on the return trip, Monigan said.

Besides saving time, such actions may have also saved lives by not having to stop during the mission and possibly become a target.

Just as a Soldier wouldn't want to go on a mission without body armor or a properly functioning weapon, Castillo said Soldiers should remember their vehicle is just as important and that they shouldn't want to leave without it properly maintained and combat ready.

"Take care of your vehicle, and it will take care of you," Monigan said.



Courtesy Pho

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Spc. Tanner Wohleb, B Co, 26th BSB, inspects a crane's hydraulic line.

DEPLOY -

"This has been tough for my Family, but they have been very supportive," said Pfc. Ron Romano, A Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry.

Romano became a father a month and a half ago. He was seen off by his wife, daughter, mom, dad, grandmother and many others at his side.

"Me and his mother are extremely proud of him," Ron Romano, the father of the 21year-old infantryman, said. "(Joining the Army) is the best thing he's ever done."

Romano deployed late because his wife had complications with her pregnancy which resulted in his daughter being born a month early. His wife and daughter are doing

"I'm so happy (his unit) allowed him to stay with his wife and premature daughter," Romano's mother Sharon said. "We've been on a rollercoaster, but we understand that's he's got a job to do. And, my son knows that his wife and daughter will be taken care of."

Sgt. William Young, A Company, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom I. He was also wounded and received a Purple Heart during that deployment. His wife, a former Soldier herself, is apprehensive, but confident about the deployment.

"The first deployment I did okay but since he was injured it makes it harder this time," Melinda Young said.

The Youngs have two children, a two-year old and the other only three-weeks-old.

The 2nd BCT, along with all the other units at Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield, will continue to train and deploy troops in the coming months to give the Spartan Brigade maximum fighting power.



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Videos available to children of deployed parents

Jerry Harben

U.S. Army MEDCOM Public Affairs Office

"It's important to recognize your fear, but not to dwell on it," said Cameron Lucke, 17-year-old son of an Army officer. Lucke addressed concerns of many teenagers as he narates a video now available to help Families and commu-

narates a video now available to nelp ramilles and col nities deal with the stresses of military deployments.

"Military Youth Coping With Separation: When Family Members Deploy" is a half-hour video of teenagers discussing their feelings and how they cope with issues that arise when a parent is deployed. This is available for viewing at the Army's behavioral health Web site www.behavioral-health.army.mil in the children section and on the American Academy of Pediatrics Web site at www.aap.org/sections/unif serv/deployment/ysp-resources.htm.

Another video, "Mr. Poe and Friends Discuss Family Reunion After Deployment," uses cartoon characters to address deployment issues affecting children ages 6 to 11. Both videos will also be available for viewing or download by the end of June.

"Talk, Listen and Connect: Helping Families Cope With Military Deployment" features the Sesame Street character Elmo dealing with the prolonged absence of his father. It is suitable for ages 3 to 5, and is available from Sesame Street Workshop at www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc.

The videos will be available on DVDs for anyone who cannot download large files from the Web. Watch the Web sites for information on how to get them.

"Our goal is to have a proactive, preventive package in the community before deployment," said Col. George Patrin, a pediatrician and commander of the Presidio Army Health Clinic, who helped develop two of the videos.

Currently, at least 700,000 children in the United States have at least one parent deployed for military duty, according to the American Psychological Association February 2007 report.

The American Academy of Pediatrics states that children's reactions to a parent being deployed may include anger, sadness, fear, confusion, and feelings of abandonment, loss, anxiety, and depression. These reactions can lead to significant problems such as school absenteeism and failure, social isolation, Family emotional abuse and violence, psychosomatic medical complaints and depression.

Patrin said the program will be most effective if an adult facilitator guides a discussion among the children during or after viewing the video. A facilitator's guide is available for primary-care physicians, teachers, church and Scout leaders, or any other concerned adults, along with the parent, who use the videos to support children as they deal with the stress of deployment separation.

"People often assume the only way they can get help is through the hospital. That's simply not true. If we collaborate as a community," Patrin said, "the community becomes the first level of intervention, rather than waiting for a situation to blow up and require social services or the emergency room.

With an effective intervention tool like the video toolkit, the amount of child abuse should go down. People will be able to deal with their issues before they begin striking out."

"Ultimately, this is a way the entire United States community can be a part of the war effort. If you tune in you will get a better idea what military Families are going through," he added.

The character of Mr. Poe originated in 2003, when commanders of troops returning from Southwest Asia asked Gregg Drew, a Reserve chaplain in Hanau, Germany, to develop a program to help Families. Drew approached

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Col. George Patrin
Presidio Army Health Clinic

Patrin, who had experience in puppetry and video production, and Patrin brought in Lt. Col. Dave Smith, an officer in the lab at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, who had developed Mr. Poe as a sock puppet character for children's sermons. Their pilot puppet program has just been converted into an animated feature. Mr. Poe and a variety of adult and child characters relate their experiences and feelings.

"At first, Dad was buying all kinds of food we didn't even eat. Now, just before Mom comes home, he's running all over cleaning the house," runs one exchange between the characters Sally and Laura.

"We put a lot of effort into making the scenarios true to life and applicable to any service Family," Patrin said.

Maj. Keith Lemmon, pediatrician and adolescent medicine faculty at Madigan Army Medical Center, began development of the video for teenagers while at Brooke Army Medical Center. He explained that he became concerned after his deployment to Afghanistan. Despite his expertise in adolescent medicine and his wife's as an educator, his wife experienced depression and his 4-year-old son was irritable and acted out.

"It soon became apparent that no one is immune," Lemmon said. "I was concerned; if deployment affected us this significantly with all our strengths, what might others be facing?"

With help from Patrin and others, he obtained a grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics and arranged to interview teenagers at Operation Purple Camp operated by the National Military Family Association.

Between introductory sections with Lucke, teenagers on the video share their experiences and how they react when a parent is deployed.

"I made the freshman basketball team while he was gone. He never got to see any of my games," said one boy.

"Almost every waking minute I worry about him," said a girl.

"The way military kids tend to get through the deployment is they stay busy," advised another boy.

"One 14-year-old boy interviewed on the video later said it was the best thing he had done in his life," Lemmon said. "He didn't think that anyone would understand. Being able to talk about it really helped. It was a big burden lifted off him."

Lemmon said his objectives were to support teenagers and to provide a tool to help them get through the deployment, and also to sensitize the community to what military children go through during a deployment.

"Families will order it and use it individually. Family resource groups will adopt it as a standard to use to help children understand their feelings with deployment. I hope it will get good media coverage so the community will know that military Families will definitely benefit from more support," he said.

"Youth serving professionals say the video tool kit covers an area that just isn't covered for teenagers. This meets that need. We're getting a lot of positive feedback," Lemmon added.

Sesame Street Workshop developed the Elmo video for preschoolers with a monetary grant from Wal-Mart, and with Col. Stephen Cozza of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center psychiatry department as an advisor. That video and supporting materials are available free of charge to schools, child-care programs, Family support groups and other organizations serving the needs of military Families.

Patrin and Lemmon are conducting a formal research project at Fort Stewart, to document use of their videos and what benefits they may have for Families.

Volunteer Families complete questionnaires before and after viewing, with follow-ups two and six months later to see how the children are doing with the video in hand during their Family's deployment experience.

Additional feedback is planned by asking viewers to access and download the videos from the AMEDD Center and School Deployment Web site to be operational soon.

One question, however, remains unanswered: what exactly is the orange-brown, long-snouted Mr. Poe? Is he a dinosaur? A lizard?

"He's a critter," said Patrin, with a smile.

Editor's Note: Fort Sam Houston News Leader contributed to this article.

Rock of the Marne

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4th of July celebration promises Family fun

Special to the Frontline

Celebrate the Fourth of July all day at Fort Stewart. The festivities kick off at 8:30 a.m. Beginning at Newman Fitness Center, Family Readiness Groups are walking to promote esprit de corps and togetherness among Family members. Every step counts. The goal is to accumulate 13,000 miles, the distance from Fort Stewart to Iraq and back, before the troops come home.

After the walk, enjoy recreation and water activities from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Corkan Family Recreation Area - all free of charge. Water activities include a wet-and-wild slide, turbo slide, small wet slide and the dunking booth.

Other activities available within the area are bowling at Stewart Lanes, miniature golf at Cypress Creek Adventure Golf, a dip in The Springs at Cypress Creek, Cypress Sam's Indoor Treehouse, indoor roller skating at Corkan Gym, and Corkan Pool.

At noon, experience the patriotism of a 50-Gun Salute at Cottrell Field. More fun kicks off at 4 p.m., Newman Field, with several activities for children, teens and adults.

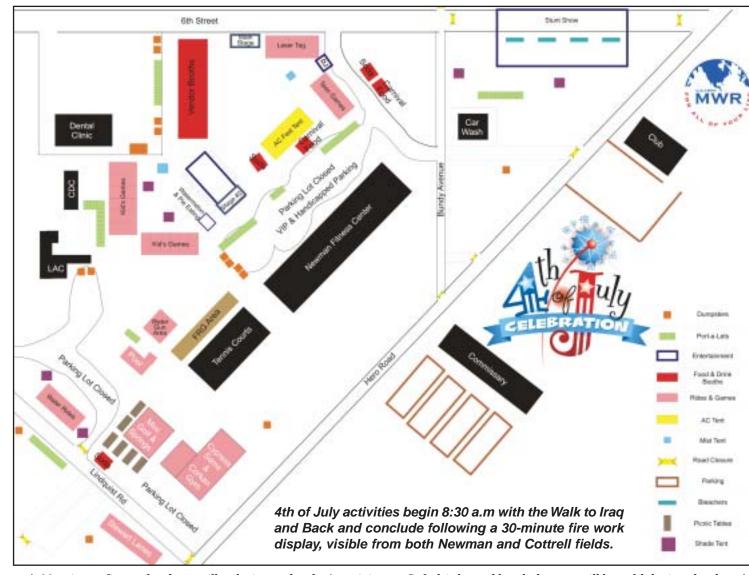
Kids can enjoy a jumping-jumbo jet, Pirates of the Caribbean, sandy candy, spin art cards and frames. Entertainment features also include Gem Mine, a climbing wall, a bounce house, an obstacle course, a train, kids games and crafts.

A teen area will include outdoor laser tag, and entertainment attractions that include Daytona II, Pump, Arctic Thunder, Off Road Thunder, Screamers, a mechanical bull, Wild-One Obstacle Course, a rock wall, and bungee run.

All ages can enjoy airbrush tattoos, a caricature artist, fantasy photos, a balloon artist, mist tents, watermelon-eating contest and pie-eating contest.

Also scheduled is a BMX bike, motorcycle, and skateboard show and a Frisbee dog show. Ken Schultz, a stilt walker, juggler and balloon artist, will be on-hand with additional entertainment performing on the main stage.

The City of Hinesville and Hinesville Military Affairs Committee will provide, from 5-7:30 p.m., a variety of free food and drinks.



A 30-minute fireworks show will culminate the day's activities. This display can be viewed from either Newman or Cottrell Field. No alcoholic beverages will be served; however, coolers and picnic food are allowed.

No pets or alcohol will be permitted at this event.

Soft drinks and bottled water will be sold during the day. An air-conditioned festival tent, with tables and chairs, will be available for people to cool off. Bringing lawn chairs and blankets is encouraged.

MWR invites Families to come out and enjoy the celebration.

FRG

They were also given a class on how to properly read a leave and earnings statement.

Capt. Amanda Carter, 26th BSB rear detachment commander, said this was the first battalion level FRG meeting since the battalion deployed. She said the battalion meetings will give the spouses a chance to speak to each other and discuss possible solutions to frequently asked questions.

"This gives us more resources for the battalion Families," Carter said.

Carter said a young spouse that has never gone through a deployment may feel more at ease speaking with a spouse that has dealt

with the situation before. "A lot of these young spouses are not as timid to go to another civilian (for answers)," said Carter.

Johnny Cusimano, Fort Stewart Family Advocacy Program Manager, spoke to the audience about being prepared for a hurricane. He went through the process of how to come up with an evacuation plan step-by-step to try and cover every possible scenario that could arise.

"We pay attention to the (hurricane) forecast ever year, but this year it's more critical because the Soldiers are on such a large deployment," Cusimano said. Cusimano used a group discussion format with his presentation and used the real-life experiences of those in attendance to help the Families formulate a plan.

"People hear things better from their peers who have lived these situations. They make it more real.

"We truly respect the skills that military Families already have. We're just trying to harness their ability as a military Family. Our goal is to give people a sense they can do it and build on their existing skills." added Cusimano.

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Carter said the Families of deployed Soldiers are encouraged to participate in FRG meetings, whether they are in the Fort Stewart area or at a different location across the country.

"We want them to be as stress free as possible during the deployment."